

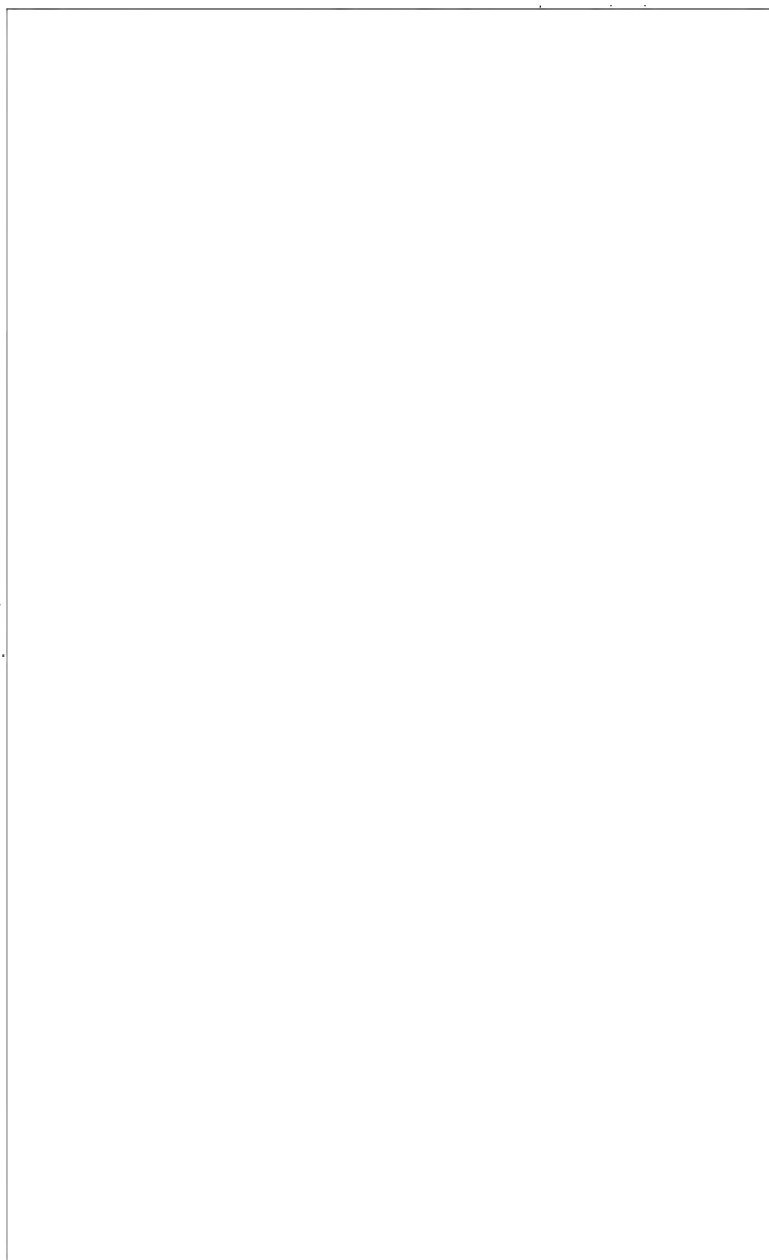
THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cuba

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g. Photography on Sunday showed two truck convoys parked in the southwest outskirts of Havana--one of 45 empty open-bed tractor trailers and 9 empty cargo trucks. The other convoy had 17 open-bed tractor trailers.

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2. Yemen

a. Sallal yesterday cut loose with another belligerent speech threatening to carry the war into Saudi Arabia. He said, among other things, "we shall break into Saudi Arabia...UAR leaders and military commanders among us...are pondering with us how to wipe out reaction and trample Saud and Husayn."

b. Nasir told Ambassador Badeau last weekend that UAR troops (he confirmed there were just over 20,000 of them) had, two weeks ago, embarked on a concerted campaign to sever major Saudi supply lines into Yemen.

c. He hopes to have the Saudis closed out entirely by mid-March.

d. Current UAR strategy is not to engage pro-Badr tribes directly, but rather to encircle them where possible and, by a combination of threats, cajolery and bribery, make them switch sides. This, he said, is proving effective.

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3. West Berlin

a. Willi Brandt has confirmed to our mission in Berlin that the Christian Democrats will become the opposition party in Berlin and that a coalition with the Free Democrats is in the works.

b. To ensure continued cooperation of all on vital issues, Brandt plans to set up a consultative body made up of leaders of all three Berlin parties.

c. Brandt said Adenauer put considerable pressure on the Berlin Christian Democratic faction to re-join the coalition, but they would have none of it--a decision which does not pain him.

4. Brazil

a. Ambassador Gordon notes that Brazilian military officers friendly to the US are being gradually eased out of good jobs. The result has been a tendency for those without strong feelings in the matter to lean to the left in order to get promoted.

b. Pro-US Minister of War Kruel is still on the job and has strong backing in the officer corps, but his support will be eroded if the present trend continues.

NOTES

- A. Yugoslavia-Venezuela Yugoslav officials are now telling the Venezuelans that Tito would accept an invitation for a visit which, if offered, would preclude a stop in Cuba. We understand his Latin American tour will take place in September and that he definitely will not be visiting Cuba.
- B. Britain Harold Wilson is fishing for an excuse (such as a speaking engagement) to visit the US (specifically Washington, Secretary Rusk and the President) before his mid-April official visit to the USSR.
- C. Ghana NKrumah's press is again having at us, pasting us with just about everything bad it can think of.

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